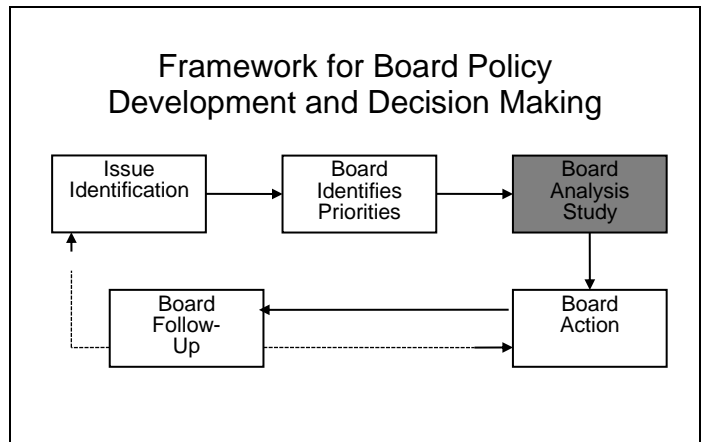


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

August 4, 2016



Agenda Item: Science Cut Scores for Students with Significant Disabilities

Iowa Goal: Goal 1: All children will enter school ready to learn.
Goal 2: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/Authority The State Board has oversight of the state of Iowa's education accountability plan.

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Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background: This is a continuation of the conversation on the State Board's priority on assessment. State and federal law require that all students be included in the accountability system. Approximately 1 percent of students cannot demonstrate their achievement on the Iowa Tests due to significant cognitive disabilities. These students' achievement can be included using an alternate assessment. This discussion will share with the Board Iowa's new Science Alternate Assessment and implications for how all Iowa students are included in our accountability system.